

HOUSE BILL 3320
By Rinks

AN ACT to amend Chapter 409 of the Private Acts of 1957; as amended by Chapter 82 of the Private Acts of 1977; Chapter 23 of the Private Acts of 1979; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the board of commissioners of the Hardin County General Hospital.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 409 of the Private Acts of 1957; as amended by Chapter 82 of the Private Acts of 1977; Chapter 23 of the Private Acts of 1979; and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 3 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 3. The board of commissioners shall be composed of five (5) in number, two (2) of whom shall be county commissioners, two (2) of whom shall be citizens at large, and one (1) of whom shall be a physician who is a member of the medical staff of the Hardin County General Hospital. If a commissioner serving by virtue of being a county commissioner ceases to be a county commissioner, then such person's service as commissioner on the Hardin County General Hospital Board of Commissioners shall cease at that time, and the county commission would elect another commissioner to serve the balance of the unexpired term. Members of the board of commissioners shall serve without compensation and shall be elected in the manner and for the term hereafter provided. The members of the board may be paid for their necessary expenses incurred in the proper discharge of their duties as members of the board.

SECTION 2. Chapter 409 of the Private Acts of 1957; as amended by Chapter 82 of the Private Acts of 1977; Chapter 23 of the Private Acts of 1979; and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 5 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 5. On July 1, 1996, all terms of the current members of the board of commissioners for the Hardin County General Hospital shall expire, and the successor commissioners shall be elected by the County Commission of Hardin County, Tennessee, at its June, 1996 term to take office on July 1, 1996. The terms of the members of the board selected by the county commission shall be for two (2) years, with one (1) commissioner and one (1) citizen at large to be elected for one (1) year terms in June, 1996, and one (1) commissioner and one (1) citizen at large to be elected for two (2) year terms in June, 1996. The physician shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. The county commissioners shall be nominated by the county commission, and the citizens at large shall be nominated by the county commission or from the floor and, upon receiving a majority vote from the county commissioners of Hardin County, shall be duly elected members of the Hardin County General Hospital Board of Commissioners. The physician shall be nominated and elected by the medical staff of the Hardin County General Hospital. No member of the board shall serve more than two (2) full consecutive terms.

Members of the board of commissioners shall be citizens of Hardin County, Tennessee. No person shall be a member of the board if he or she:

(1) Is an employee of the board;

(2) Is the holder of a full-time remunerative position with the county government, or is a physician with the Tennessee Department of Public Health, or the Department of Human Services, or the United States Public Health Service; or

(3) Is without a high school education, or a general equivalency diploma (GED).

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of Hardin County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 3.

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